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**DETAILED ACTION**

**EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Eric J. Robinson on June 30 2010.

In claim 1, line 2, before “designate at least”, “adapted to” is deleted; same line before “designate at least”, insert --configured to --.

In claim 1, line 3, before “create plural route”, “adapted to” is deleted; same line before “create plural route”, insert --configured to --.

In claim 1, line 15, before “judge whether”, “adapted to” is deleted; same line before “judge whether”, insert --configured to --.

In claim 1, line 23, before “to select a proposed route”, “operates” is deleted; same line before “to select a proposed route”, insert --configured --.

In claim 1, line 27, before “to output business hour data”, “operates” is deleted; same line before “to output business hour data”, insert --configured --.

In claim 2, line 2, before “select a guide pattern”, “adapted to” is deleted; same line before “select a guide pattern”, insert --configured to --.

In claim 3, line 3, before “perform, for route patterns”, “adapted to” is deleted; same line before “perform, for route patterns”, insert --configured to --.

In claim 3, line 7, before “select a specific route pattern”, “adapted to” is deleted; same line before “select a specific route pattern”, insert --configured to --.

In claim 4, line 3, before “update, for route patterns”, “adapted to” is deleted; same line before “update, for route patterns”, insert --configured to --.

In claim 4, line 6, before “display at least two route patterns”, “adapted to” is deleted; same line before “display at least two route patterns”, insert --configured to --.

In claim 7, line 3, before “display the guide route”, “adapted to” is deleted; same line before “display the guide route”, insert --configured to --.

In claim 7, line 6, before “move the image indicating”, “adapted to” is deleted; same line before “move the image indicating”, insert --configured to --.

In claim 7, line 8, before “calculate an arrival time”, “adapted to” is deleted; same line before “calculate an arrival time”, insert --configured to --.

In claim 9, line 2, after “a destination condition update unit”, “adapted to” is deleted; same line after “a destination condition update unit”, insert --configured to --.

In claim 21, line 1, after “a computer program”, insert –product stored on a computer-readable medium--.

#### **EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

This communication is an examiner's reasons for allowance in response to application filed on 03/29/2006, assigned serial 10/574,015 and titled “Guide route search device and guide route search method”.

The following is the examiner's statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

The applicant's amendment and arguments filed on 04/21/2010 have been fully considered. After carefully reconsideration the application and the applied prior art, the

examiner has realized the application is patentably distinct from the prior art. The prior art are not deemed strong to make the application unpatentable.

With respect to claims 1 and 21, the prior art failed to disclose or render obvious the designating unit operates to select a proposed route point from a proposed route point database, including genre data indicating a genre of the facility in the proposed route point and business hour data of the facility in the proposed route point, and the creating unit operates to output business hour data as time frame comparison data corresponding to a genre of the route point and comparing this time frame comparison data with guide time data associated with the same genre of a route point condition table for genre, including genre name data and associated guide time data, wherein, when a time frame not included in the business hour data of the route point is included in a time frame of the guide time data, a guide point condition update unit deletes the guide time by the excess time frame not included in the business hour data and updates the guide time data of the route point condition for genre table to be included in the business hour data of the route point. The prior art closest to the subject matter of claims 1 and 21 is the reference of Morita et. al (6,119,095) which discloses an itinerary preparing system capable of preparing a complete travel plan that efficiently incorporates desired visiting places. Morita calculates an expected consumption time for transportation to each visiting place and expected length of stay time. An excess/shortage time is determined based total consumption time and the intended travel time.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee, such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance".

Claims 1-4, 7, 9-12, and 21 are allowed.

Claims 5-6, 8, and 13-20 are canceled.

### ***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Redhwan Mawari whose telephone number is 571 270 1535. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30 AM - 5PM Mon-Fri Eastern Alt Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jack Keith can be reached on 571-272-6878. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Examiner, Art Unit 3663

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Primary Examiner

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